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SEEDINGS SET AS THREE TEAMS SWEEP
Black Bears Smart, Desmet dominate at UConn to clinch No. 3 seed

In one strong weekend, the University of Maine Black Bears went from battling for the final playoff spot to clinching the No. 3 seed ahead of host Northeastern. Thanks to back-to-back road wins against a very feisty UConn team, the Black Bears will now open the tournament against Providence, instead of against regular season champ UNH, who will face NU in the other semifinal on Saturday, March 20.

Maine got big contributions from several players en route to a successful sweep. Goaltender Lara Smart was spectacular in Saturday's opener, turning aside 49 of 50 UConn attempts to post a 5-1 win. Her performance in Sunday's game was modest by comparison, but it still yielded a 4-3 Maine victory, with Smart ringing up another 36 saves. On the offensive side of things, Tristan Desmet led the way with a goal and two assists in each game to finish with a monster six-point weekend. Karen Droog had five points on a goal and four assists, and rookie Sonia Corriveau had a short-handed goal in each game. Seven of Maine's nine goals came during special teams play. UConn had a heroine of its own, as rookie Leslie Hurlbut potted a hat trick Sunday, but it was not enough for the victory.

Providence had a dominating weekend against Northeastern, outscoring the Huskies 8-0 in a home-and-home set. Friar stopper Jana Bugden was perfect in facing just 26 shots total over the two games. At the other end, NU netminder Chanda Gunn was peppered with 46 shots at Providence on Saturday, a 6-0 loss. Ashley Payton had two goals and one assist in the contest. Gunn rebounded by limiting PC to just one goal on 17 shots in Sunday's rematch. The Friars got an empty-netter in the final second to come home with a 2-0 win and a weekend sweep.

UNH also swept, getting two wins over Boston College. The final was 5-2 Thursday at Boston College, but a much closer 2-1 score at UNH on Saturday. BC's Lisa Davis stopped 34 of 36 shots in the slim road loss vs. the regular season champs. The Wildcats evenly spread the scoring around and even the goaltending duties were split as UNH ran its winning streak to six games and its unbeaten streak to nine.

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, March 4

New Hampshire 5, at Boston College 2 *

Saturday, March 6

Maine 5, at Connecticut 1 *
 at Providence 6, Northeastern 1 *
 at New Hampshire 2, Boston College 1 *

Sunday, March 7

Maine 4, at Connecticut 3 *
 Providence 2, at Northeastern 0 *

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, March 10

Providence at Boston College (7pm) *

Saturday, March 13

New Hampshire at Northeastern (2pm) *
 Boston College at Providence (2pm) *

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

(all games at Northeastern)

Saturday, March 20

Semifinal Round
 No. 2 Providence vs. No. 3 Maine (1pm)
 No. 1 UNH at No. 4 Northeastern (4pm)

Sunday, March 21

Championship Game (1pm)
 (Televised live on NESN)

* Hockey East game
 All times Eastern

2003-04 STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Remaining Opponents
1. New Hampshire	19	16	1	2	34	21-8-4	Northeastern
2. Providence	18	12	5	1	25	17-13-2	Boston College (2)
3. Maine	20	9	9	2	20	12-15-4	None
4. Northeastern	19	7	8	4	18	13-11-8	New Hampshire
5. Connecticut	20	5	11	4	14	9-19-6	None
6. Boston College	18	1	16	1	3	6-20-3	Providence (2)



**TPS HOCKEY
 PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

TRISTAN DESMET – Maine
 Junior Forward; Strathmore, AB

Dominated with six points in a weekend sweep at Connecticut, scoring one goal and assisting on two others in each of two Maine victories.

**ITECH
 ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

LESLIE HURLBUT – Connecticut
 Freshman Forward; Markham, ON

Notched all three UConn goals in a slim 4-3 loss to Maine Sunday. She had just two goals in 17 Hockey East games prior to Sunday's explosion.

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER
 OF THE WEEK**

LARA SMART – Maine
 Senior Goaltender; Airdrie, AB

Stopped 85 of 89 shots faced over back-to-back victories at Connecticut, including an incredible 49 of 50 in a 5-1 triumph on Saturday.

HONOR ROLL

- **Meagan Aarts, Maine** (Sr. F; Watford, ON) – Had five points on one goal and four assists over two wins at Connecticut.
- **Jana Bugden, PC** (So. G; Corner Brook, NF) – Stopped all 26 shots she faced over back-to-back shutouts vs. Northeastern.
- **Sonia Corriveau, Maine** (Fr. F; Rouyn-Noranda, QC) – Had one short-handed goal in each of two wins at UConn.
- **Lisa Davis, BC** (Jr. G; Falmouth, MA) – Stopped 34 of 36 shots to keep BC close in a 2-1 loss at UNH Saturday.
- **Karen Droog, Maine** (Sr. F; Listowel, ON) – Scored three power play goals in a weekend sweep at UConn.
- **Molly Garrett, UConn** (Fr. D; Ridgeley, MD) – Rookie set up all three Husky goals in a 4-3 loss vs. Maine on Sunday.
- **Janine Goulet, UNH** (Sr. D; Gloucester, ON) – Set up three goals over two wins vs. BC.
- **Kelli Halcisak, PC** (Sr. D; Grosse Ile, MI) – Set up three of six PC goals as the Friars downed NU, 6-0.
- **Stephanie Jones, UNH** (Jr. F; Kimberley, BC) – Propelled UNH to a sweep of BC with two goals and one assist.
- **Ashley Payton, PC** (Jr. F; Chesterfield, MO) – Had two goals and one assist to pace a 6-0 win over Northeastern.
- **Karen Thatcher, PC** (So. F; Douglas, MA) – Scored two goals and assisted on two others in a sweep of Northeastern.

TEAM NOTES

Boston College: Lisa Davis has made 30 or more saves in 10 different games this season.

University of Connecticut: The Huskies are 3-14-3 at home but 6-5-3 on the road ... UConn is 8-3-2 when scoring first.

University of Maine: The Black Bears had five power play goals and two short-handed goals in a weekend sweep at Connecticut. They had scored just eight power play goals and three short-handers prior to this weekend ... The Black Bears set a school record this season with 384 penalty minutes, breaking the previous record of 367 set in 2001-02.

University of New Hampshire: UNH is on a season-high six-game winning streak and is unbeaten in the last nine games (8-0-1). The Wildcats also boast a 14-1-2 record in the past 17 games ... Saturday's 2-1 win vs. BC marked just the second time this season that UNH was victorious when scoring less than three goals ... Carolyn Gordon snapped a five-game goal-scoring streak when she was shut out in Saturday's 2-1 win vs. BC.

Northeastern University: Freshman Amy Goodney (12 goals) could become the first rookie goals leader for the Huskies since Hilary Witt led the team with 24 in 1996-97 ... Chanda Gunn will conclude her career with the NU records for career saves (2368 and counting) and save percentage (currently .937).

Providence College: Junior defenseman Danielle Bourgette's career-high seven-game point streak was snapped Sunday at Northeastern. She tallied eight assists over that span ... Sunday's 2-0 win at Northeastern marked the first time in her career that senior Kelli Halcisak has missed a game.

ITECH Three Star Leaders:

Name	Cl	Pos	School
Carolyn Gordon	Sr	F	UNH
Chanda Gunn	Sr	G	NU
Tiffany Owens	Jr	F	UConn
Rebecca Paul	So	F	UNH
Lara Smart	Sr	G	Maine



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LEADING GOALTENDERS (Hockey East games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1. Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Fr	15	906	13	1	1	.908	1.92
2. Jana Bugden, PC	So	13	722	6	5	1	.914	1.99
3. Chanda Gunn, NU	Sr	16	955	6	6	4	.935	2.01
4. Lara Smart, Maine	Sr	20	1207	9	9	2	.924	2.33
5. Kaitlyn Shain, CT	So	10	573	3	3	3	.910	2.82

LEADING GOALTENDERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	Min	W	L	T	SP	GAA
1. Melissa Bourdon, UNH	Fr	23	1387	16	5	2	.916	1.90
2. Chanda Gunn, NU	Sr	25	1514	8	9	8	.940	1.94
3. Jana Bugden, PC	So	25	1438	10	12	2	.899	2.38
4. Kaitlyn Shain, CT	So	18	1021	7	6	3	.919	2.47
5. Lara Smart, Maine	Sr	29	1760	10	15	4	.920	2.52

LEADING SCORERS (Hockey East games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1. Lindsey Hansen, UNH	So	18	8	22	30
2. Rebecca Paul, UNH	So	19	12	17	27
3. Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Sr	19	19	8	27
4. Rush Zimmerman, PC	Jr	14	12	13	25
Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Sr	18	9	16	25
6. Darlene Stephenson, PC	Sr	18	3	20	23
7. Sonny Watrous, PC	Fr	18	11	9	20
Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Sr	19	1	19	20
9. Stephanie Jones, UNH	Jr	18	9	10	19
10. Tristan Desmet, Maine	Jr	20	9	9	18
11. Ashley Payton, PC	Jr	14	8	9	17
12. Lindsey Caleo, UNH	Fr	19	7	9	16
Meagan Aarts, Maine	Sr	20	9	7	16
14. Karen Thatcher, PC	So	15	4	11	15
Sadie Wright-Ward, UNH	Fr	19	7	8	15
Nicole Hekle, UNH	Fr	19	6	9	15

* defenseman

LEADING SCORERS (All games)

Player, School	Cl	GP	G	A	Pts
1. Kelli Halcisak, PC *	Sr	32	17	24	41
2. Lindsey Hansen, UNH	So	29	11	28	39
3. Carolyn Gordon, UNH	Sr	33	22	15	37
4. Rush Zimmerman, PC	Jr	28	15	21	36
Rebecca Paul, UNH	So	33	13	23	36
6. Darlene Stephenson, PC	Sr	32	9	23	32
7. Stephanie Jones, UNH	Jr	32	15	15	30
8. Kristen Thomas, UNH *	Sr	32	3	26	29
9. Meagan Aarts, Maine	Sr	31	12	13	25
Nicole Hekle, UNH	Fr	33	11	14	25
11. Karen Thatcher, PC	So	29	7	17	24
Cyndy Kenyon, NU	So	32	11	13	24
13. Ashley Payton, PC	Jr	23	12	11	23
Tristan Desmet, Maine	Jr	31	12	11	23
Allison Edgar, UNH *	Sr	32	8	15	23

* defenseman

TEAM STATISTICS (Hockey East games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	19	86	4.53
2. Providence.....	18	69	3.83
3. Maine.....	20	43	2.15
4. Connecticut.....	20	38	1.90
5. Northeastern.....	19	35	1.84
6. Boston College.....	18	26	1.44

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. New Hampshire.....	19	35	1.84
2. Providence.....	18	34	1.89
3. Northeastern.....	19	47	2.47
4. Maine.....	20	50	2.50
5. Connecticut.....	20	62	3.10
6. Boston College.....	18	69	3.83

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	19	23	94	3	.245
2. Providence.....	18	21	90	0	.233
3. Maine.....	20	12	94	2	.128
4. Connecticut.....	20	12	99	4	.121
5. Boston College.....	18	8	71	4	.113
6. Northeastern.....	19	5	77	2	.065

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	19	7	73	1	.904
2. Providence.....	18	11	81	3	.864
3. Maine.....	20	16	113	5	.858
4. Northeastern.....	19	15	99	3	.848
5. Boston College.....	18	12	76	1	.842
6. Connecticut.....	20	20	83	2	.759

TEAM STATISTICS (All games)

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	GP	G	GPG
1. New Hampshire.....	33	120	3.64
2. Providence.....	32	103	3.22
3. Maine.....	31	72	2.32
4. Northeastern.....	32	62	1.94
5. Connecticut.....	32	57	1.78
6. Boston College.....	29	48	1.66

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	GP	GA	GAPG
1. New Hampshire.....	33	68	2.06
2. Northeastern.....	32	70	2.19
3. Providence.....	32	71	2.22
4. Maine.....	31	78	2.52
5. Connecticut.....	32	92	2.88
6. Boston College.....	29	99	3.41

POWER PLAY

Team	GP	PPG	Att	SHGA	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	33	36	163	5	.221
2. Providence.....	32	39	181	4	.215
3. Boston College.....	29	13	111	5	.117
4. Connecticut.....	32	18	173	7	.104
5. Maine.....	31	14	137	4	.102
6. Northeastern.....	32	13	130	2	.100

PENALTY KILL

Team	GP	OPPG	Att	SHG	Pct
1. New Hampshire.....	33	12	138	3	.913
2. Northeastern.....	32	20	159	3	.874
3. Providence.....	32	25	156	5	.840
4. Maine.....	31	28	166	5	.831
5. Connecticut.....	32	26	140	3	.814
6. Boston College.....	29	23	121	1	.810



Boston College
6-20-3 (1-16-1 HE)

OCTOBER	26 QUINNIPAC	W 3-1
	30 VERMONT	L 1-3
NOVEMBER	2 UNION	W 4-1
	8 at Brown	W 3-1
	9 YALE	L 0-5
	14 MAINE	L 2-3
	15 MAINE	L 1-3
	22 at Connecticut	L 1-3
	23 CONNECTICUT	L 0-3
	26 at Northeastern	L 0-5
	30 at Princeton	L 0-8
DECEMBER	No games	
JANUARY	4 COLGATE	T+ 2-2
	9 at Quinnipiac	T+ 2-2
	10 at Quinnipiac	W 2-0
	15 at Union	W 5-3
	18 NORTHEASTERN	L 1-3
	23 at New Hampshire	L 0-7
	25 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 2-7
FEBRUARY	3 HARVARD (B)	L 0-4
	6 CONNECTICUT	L 3-4
	8 at Connecticut	T+ 3-3
	14 at Northeastern	L 1-2
	15 NORTHEASTERN	L 1-2
	21 at Providence	L 1-8
	22 PROVIDENCE	L 2-5
	27 at Maine	L 0-2
	28 at Maine	W 5-2
MARCH	4 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 2-5
	6 at New Hampshire	L 1-2
	10 PROVIDENCE	7pm
	13 at Providence	2pm

OCTOBER	11 at North Dakota	T+ 1-1
	12 at North Dakota	W 2-0
	18 MERCYHURST	L 1-2
	19 MERCYHURST	T+ 2-2
	24 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 2-4
	26 at New Hampshire	T+ 1-1
NOVEMBER	1 PRINCETON	L 0-6
	2 PRINCETON	L 1-6
	7 QUINNIPAC	W 2-1
	15 DARTMOUTH	L 0-1
	16 DARTMOUTH	L 0-3
	22 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 3-1
	23 at Boston College	W 3-0
	28 at St. Lawrence	L 3-5
	29 at St. Lawrence	W 3-2
DECEMBER	4 YALE	W 4-1
JANUARY	9 MINNESOTA ST.	L 2-5
	10 MINNESOTA ST.	L 0-4
	16 at Providence	L 3-5
	17 PROVIDENCE	L 1-3
	23 at Maine	L 0-2
	24 at Maine	W 3-2
	30 NORTHEASTERN	L 0-3
	31 at Northeastern	T+ 1-1
FEBRUARY	6 at Boston College	W 4-2
	8 BOSTON COLLEGE	T+ 3-3
	14 PROVIDENCE	L 1-3
	15 at Providence	L 0-7
	20 at New Hampshire	L 1-4
	22 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 2-7
	28 at Northeastern	W 4-2
	29 NORTHEASTERN	T+ 2-2
MARCH	6 MAINE	L 1-5
	7 MAINE	L 3-4



Connecticut
9-19-6 (5-11-4 HE)

OCTOBER	19 WISCONSIN	L 4-5
	20 WISCONSIN	L 1-6
	25 COLGATE	T+ 2-2
	26 COLGATE	W 2-1
NOVEMBER	1 at Yale	L 1-0
	2 at Yale	T+ 2-2
	7 at Brown	L 0-1
	8 vs. Princeton ¹	L+ 2-3
	14 at Boston College	W 3-2
	15 at Boston College	W 3-1
	22 PROVIDENCE	L 1-2
	23 PROVIDENCE	W 3-2
	29 at Harvard	L 0-6
DECEMBER	6 NORTHEASTERN	T+ 1-1
	7 NORTHEASTERN	W 2-1
	12 at Union	W 8-1
	13 at Union	W 8-0
JANUARY	16 at New Hampshire	L 1-4
	17 at New Hampshire	L 0-3
	23 CONNECTICUT	W 2-0
	24 CONNECTICUT	L 2-3
FEBRUARY	7 at Providence	L 2-4
	8 at Providence	L 0-5
	13 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 2-5
	14 NEW HAMPSHIRE	T+ 2-2
	20 at Northeastern	L 3-4
	21 at Northeastern	W 3-2
	27 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 2-0
	28 BOSTON COLLEGE	L 2-5
MARCH	6 at Connecticut	W 5-1
	7 at Connecticut	W 4-3
	20 vs. Providence (HE)	1pm



Maine
12-15-4 (9-9-2 HE)

OCTOBER	24 at Connecticut	W 4-2
	26 CONNECTICUT	T+ 1-1
NOVEMBER	1 at North Dakota	W 6-2
	2 at North Dakota	L 2-3
	7 ST. LAWRENCE	L+ 1-2
	9 ST. LAWRENCE	W 6-3
	15 at Princeton	W 3-0
	16 at Yale	T+ 1-1
	20 NORTHEASTERN	W 4-2
	22 at Northeastern	W 5-0
	25 at Brown	L 2-5
	30 HARVARD	L 1-2
DECEMBER	5 VERMONT	W 6-1
	9 at Harvard	L 0-4
	12 DARTMOUTH	L 2-4
JANUARY	3 at Dartmouth	L 1-4
	10 at Niagara	W 1-0
	11 at Mercyhurst	T+ 2-2
	16 MAINE	W 4-1
	25 PROVIDENCE	W 3-0
	23 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 7-0
	25 at Boston College	W 7-2
	31 PROVIDENCE	W 4-3
FEBRUARY	1 at Providence	L 2-5
	6 NORTHEASTERN	W 9-2
	13 at Maine	W 5-2
	14 at Maine	T+ 2-2
	20 CONNECTICUT	W 4-1
	22 at Connecticut	W 7-2
	28 at Providence	W 7-4
	29 PROVIDENCE	W+ 4-3
MARCH	4 at Boston College	W 5-2
	6 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 2-1
	13 at Northeastern (HE)	2pm
	20 at Northeastern (HE)	4pm



New Hampshire
21-8-4 (16-1-2 HE)

OCTOBER	18 at St. Lawrence	L 1-3
	19 at Vermont	W 2-0
	23 at Providence	T+ 1-1
	25 at Quinnipiac	W 4-0
NOVEMBER	1 NIAGARA	T+ 2-2
	2 NIAGARA	W 3-0
	8 YALE	W 6-3
	9 PRINCETON	W+ 3-2
	14 CLARKSON	W+ 1-0
	20 at New Hampshire	L 2-4
	22 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 0-5
	26 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 5-0
DECEMBER	6 at Maine	T+ 1-1
	7 at Maine	L 1-2
	12 OHIO STATE	L 0-3
	13 OHIO STATE	T+ 1-1
JANUARY	10 vs. Wisconsin *	T+ 1-1
	11 vs. Wisconsin *	T+ 2-2
	18 at Boston College	W 3-1
	25 PROVIDENCE	W 2-1
	30 at Connecticut	W 3-0
	31 CONNECTICUT	T+ 1-1
FEBRUARY	6 at New Hampshire	L 2-9
	10 vs. Harvard (B)	L 1-5
	14 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 2-1
	15 at Boston College	W 2-1
	20 MAINE	W 4-3
	21 MAINE	L 2-3
	28 CONNECTICUT	L 2-4
	29 CONNECTICUT	T+ 2-2
MARCH	6 at Providence	L 0-6
	7 PROVIDENCE	L 0-2
	13 NEW HAMPSHIRE	2pm
	20 NEW HAMPSHIRE (HE)	4pm



Northeastern
13-11-8 (7-8-4 HE)

OCTOBER	18 at Vermont	W 5-1
	19 at St. Lawrence	T+ 2-2
	23 NORTHEASTERN	T+ 1-1
	31 at Dartmouth	L 2-7
NOVEMBER	1 HARVARD	L 0-3
	15 YALE	W 3-1
	16 at Princeton	L 2-4
	22 at Maine	W 2-1
	23 at Maine	L 2-3
	29 BROWN *	W 4-1
DECEMBER	2 at Harvard	L 1-2
JANUARY	3 at Minnesota State	L+ 1-2
	4 at Minnesota State	L 1-2
	10 at Mercyhurst	L 2-3
	11 at Niagara	W 3-0
	16 CONNECTICUT	W 5-3
	17 at Connecticut	W 3-1
	21 DARTMOUTH	L 6-8
	25 at Northeastern	L 1-2
	31 at New Hampshire	L 3-4
FEBRUARY	1 NEW HAMPSHIRE	W 5-2
	7 MAINE	W 4-2
	8 MAINE	W 5-0
	14 at Connecticut	W 3-1
	15 at Connecticut	W 7-0
	18 at Brown	W+ 2-1
	21 BOSTON COLLEGE	W 8-1
	22 at Boston College	W 5-2
	28 NEW HAMPSHIRE	L 4-7
	29 at New Hampshire	L+ 3-4
MARCH	6 NORTHEASTERN	W 6-0
	7 at Northeastern	W 2-0
	10 at Boston College	2pm
	13 BOSTON COLLEGE	7pm
	20 vs. Maine (HE)	1pm



Providence
17-13-2 (12-5-1 HE)

+ – indicates overtime
Home games in CAPS
Hockey East games in bold

* – at Long Beach, CA
(B) – Beanpot at BC
(HE) – Hockey East Tourney

* – Mayor's Cup
(HE) – Hockey East Tourney at NU